



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6688

January Session, 2005

* _____HB06688HS_APP033105_____*

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SERVICES
PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-261d of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services [shall] may design and
4 implement a care enhancement and disease management initiative,
5 [which] if such initiative is determined to be cost effective by the
6 commissioner. The initiative shall provide for an integrated and
7 systematic approach for managing the health care needs of high cost
8 Medicaid recipients. Notwithstanding any provision of the general
9 statutes, the commissioner may contract with an entity to effectuate the
10 purposes of this section, provided such entity has an established and
11 demonstrated capability in the design and implementation of a disease
12 management initiative. [The] If implemented, the commissioner shall
13 report annually on the status of the care enhancement and disease
14 management initiative to the joint standing committees of the General
15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
16 the budgets of state agencies and human services.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Commissioner of Social
18 Services shall establish prior authorization procedures under the

19 Medicaid program for admissions and lengths of stay in chronic
20 disease hospitals. The Commissioner of Social Services may contract
21 with an entity for administration of any aspect of such prior
22 authorization or may expand the scope of an existing contract with an
23 entity that performs utilization review services on behalf of the
24 Department of Social Services. The commissioner, pursuant to section
25 17b-10 of the general statutes, may implement policies and procedures
26 necessary to administer the provisions of this section while in the
27 process of adopting such policies and procedures as regulation,
28 provided the commissioner prints notice of intent to adopt regulations
29 in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days after the
30 date of implementation. Policies and procedures implemented
31 pursuant to this section shall be valid until the time final regulations
32 are adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	17b-261d
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

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